

WRITERS IN THE WAR

THEIR MEMORIAL AT CRAMPTON'S GAP AND ITS RECORDS.

Surviving War Correspondents and What Some of Them Are Doing—Their Valuable but Unappreciated Service. Only One Who Has Made a Fortune.

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Not many Americans of the present generation—counting a generation at 40 years—know anything personally of war correspondents. Our great civil war began 36 years ago. It is 33 since it closed. The majority of the correspondents in the field are now dead. Of about 150, or more, who described the events of the struggle with pen and pencil, only 30 or 40 are left. This shows how active death ever among all classes at all ages. Not even a many would have survived had not early all of them embraced the calling while they were in the early twenties—less than boys indeed. The war for the preservation of the Union was fought by very young men. They were styled heroes at its termination, though many were not then 30.

The average duration of human life after maturity is much shorter than is commonly believed. Almost any one of good constitution and in fair health will, it is thought, on reaching 31 continue until 60, or beyond. But it is not so. Accidents and acute diseases, which are not and cannot be taken into account beforehand, add greatly to the average mortality. We do not, it is generally held, begin to miss vacancies in the ranks with which we set out in our world march until we have passed our sixth decade at least. But the vacancies are really forced on our attention before 50, often even before 40. Let any man of 40 or thereabout recall, if he can, how many of the associates of his early boyhood are still among his contemporaries, and he will realize the truth of what has been said.

The correspondents north and south of the war, most of whom were almost forgotten by the multitude, have recently been commemorated. A memorial was completed and dedicated to them last autumn at Crampton's Gap, near the town of Burkittsville, Frederick county, Md. The scene of the battle of South Mountain, which occurred Sept. 14, 1862, it is on a branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. It is also in the vicinity of Harper's Ferry, Cedar Creek, Antietam, Gettysburg and other fields famous in the four years' contest between the north and south. It has been to people at large an obscure place. The erection, however, of the memorial—a double feudal, picturesque gateway, mainly of granite and rubble stone, some 60 feet high, having a large arch at the base, three smaller arches above and a solid, pictorial, striking tower on one side—tends to make the Gap noted and keep the memory of the correspondents green.

The names of about 130 of them are engraved on tablets inserted in the memorial. Some of the names, as those of Henry M. Stanley, Henry J. Raymond, John A. Cockrell, David B. Strother (Porte Crayon) and the Comte de Paris, are not those of the war correspondents. They were inscribed on the memorial for causes indirectly connected with the struggle. Not a few of the men recorded gained little prominence; others may not deserve to be there; others, again, who were conspicuous in the field have been omitted in the list. George Alfred Townsend, who originated the idea of the monument, who collected the money for its building, about \$6,000, and who supervised the entire work, had its utmost to select the proper names, but naturally had great difficulty in deciding among the conflicting claims. He certainly did what he undertook to do very well, did it economically, conscientiously, wholly without personal recompense. But, for him the memorial would not in all probability have been erected at all.

The northern war correspondents surely merit remembrance by the republic. They endured, they suffered much in its behalf and had no recognition either from their country or the community. They were in the army, but not of it. They shared all its discomforts and dangers and none of its rewards. They were imprisoned, some of them sent up for one and two years; they were wounded, even killed, but none of the glory so bountifully extended to the regular soldiers was theirs. Many of their deeds, brilliant daring in the extreme,



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passed unnoticed. They were not even paid by the newspapers for which they performed so excellent service. They were as a body most loyal, faithful, energetic, courageous, the trustworthy medium between the army and the people, but were most recompensed, unless by the consciousness of duty done. If we should have another war, either at home or abroad, the correspondents will be on a totally different footing.

Many of the survivors are very well known outside of their war record. They continue to be very active, very capable, none of them old. Some of them, still writers, have won high reputation. To mention a few in alphabetic order, there are H. V. Boynton, James Hearst Brown, William C. Church, Richard T. Colburn, John Hay, Edward H. House, Whitelaw Reid, William F. G. Shanks, George W. Snell, Edmund Clarence Steadman, George Alfred Townsend, Henry Villard,

John Russell Young. Some of the deceased scribes achieved distinction, as Charles Carleton Coffin, Thomas W. Knox, Albert D. Richardson, in authorship; Joseph B. McCullagh, as editor and part proprietor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat; Benjamin F. Taylor, as a poet. Among the living Townsend has achieved fame as a general correspondent and writer; George F. Smalley as a London correspondent, now the American correspondent of the London Times; John Hay as a humorist, diplomatist and biographer; Steadman as a poet and critic, and Colburn, shrewd in business and an agnostic philosopher, still writes. Many have changed their vocation for the better. Hardly an instance can be cited of a journalist making money so long as he confined himself strictly to journalism. The same might be said of an author while he continues to be an author.

John Hay is wealthy, but became so by marrying an heiress, the daughter of a Cleveland millionaire. He may have remembered what Major Pundennis so frequently declared to Arthur, "It is just as easy, my dear boy, to marry a rich girl as a poor girl." But Hay's intimates say that he sincerely loves his wife, and would have offered himself had she been without financial prospects. Is there any sound argument in favor of a man relinquishing a woman he has set his heart on because she has a fortune?

Whitelaw Reid is another correspondent who has the name of having grown opulent through marriage. It is not often that any man has the chance of securing a father-in-law worth \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 by winning his sole daughter. Reid is said to have acquired a handsome independence before marriage by his business talents. His wife's dowry is asserted to have enabled him to get rid of the Old Man of the Sea (known here as Jay Gould) while nominally proprietor of The Tribune, and thus to have become actually what he had long only assumed to be.

Henry Villard is almost the sole man who, beginning life in his early teens as a journalist and continuing to be such for years, has made himself wealthy, and in Wall Street too. He must have been a congenial financier, and remained ignorant of the fact until his opportunity came. Long a leader of the street, he had his reverses—lost millions and recovered them. He retired two years ago. He made enemies naturally by his success. They accused him of various kinds of wrongdoing, and brought suits for misappropriating large amounts of money. But he has been vindicated by time. The suits have been withdrawn. He retains many warm, devoted friends, who consider him one of the kindest, most upright, most generous, most conscientious of men.

PAUL R. CLEVELAND.

MEMORIAL DAY AT ATHENS.

Not the First, but the First of Which We Have Particulars.

Of course it cannot be known when civilized nations first began to fix certain days for the annual commemoration of the acts of their dead heroes, but so natural is the custom that it must have arisen among the oldest nations. By a rare combination of circumstances, however, we have a verbatim report of one Memorial day address, delivered 2,323 years ago by the greatest man of his age.

We know, moreover, that, unlike many so called orations reported in ancient history, this one was delivered very nearly as reported, for it was a written address, and the report comes to us by Thucydides, an enemy of the orator. The great war of Sparta and her allies against Athens and her allies had been in progress a year when the Greeks who had fallen in the first battles were honored with a magnificent funeral, and Pericles, then ruler of Athens, made the speech.

It is really wonderful to note how much of it could be adopted word for word in a Memorial day address of today. He began by a eulogy of their ancestors who had founded Athens, and of their successors who had defended her against Persians and made her free. He then told why these young men had died—to preserve that glorious liberty—and thus continued: "For we enjoy a form of government which does not copy the laws of our neighbors, but we are ourselves rather a pattern to others than imitators of them. In name, from its not being administered for the benefit of the few, but of the many, it is called a democracy, but with regard to its laws all enjoy equality as concerns private affairs, while with regard to public rank each man, according as he has reputation for anything, is preferred for public honors, not so much from consideration of party as of merit. Nor, again, on the ground of poverty, if he be able to do the state any service, is he prevented by the obscurity of his position."

This was not sarcasm. He really meant it. We are at liberty, however, to surmise that Pericles meant to set forth what the object of their government was rather than what it really accomplished, for he goes on to relate how carefully they observe the laws, because they are of their own choosing, how recreations are provided for all classes of men and equally in their enjoyment, how the freedom of Athens is the envy of mankind, and is so highly regarded by Athenians that every one would rather die fighting than lose it. Indeed, if he spoke exact truth, it is much to be feared that no modern state is equal to it. His closing paragraph might appropriately be recited to any American audience on this Memorial day of 1907. It ran thus:

"Wherefore to the parents of these dead I will not offer condolence so much as consolation, for they know that they lived subject to misfortunes, but that happy is their lot who have gained the most glorious death as these, and whose whose sorrow is as yours; their life so measured that it ended in honor, and even so your sorrow. Difficult indeed I know it is to persuade you of this, as you must be reminded of your loss by the good fortune of others, and sorrow is most keenly felt, not for the loss of that of which one is without much experience, but of that which one loses after being accustomed to it. But bear up in hope of your other children, who have them, and you who are old consider that the long period before was so much clear gain, that your time of grief is but short while the fame of your lost ones is long, for the love of honor is the only feeling that never grows old, and as age advances it is not the gain of treasure, as some assert, that can cheer the heart, but only the enjoyment of honor."

Such were the golden words of this oldest Memorial day address recorded. But it is a pain to complete the story. Soon after the city was crowded by fugitives, the dreadful plague came, and Pericles and all his family died of it. Deprived of his clear leadership, the Athenians long war were thoroughly subjugated, and put under the sway of the infamous "this tyrant." Yet it is wonderful what a clear idea this man, 430 B. C., had of what a republic ought to be.

JOHN HEDDERLEY.

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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE.

At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Shiawassee, held at the Probate Office in the city of Corunna, on Monday, the 17th day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Ezra Mason, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Fred E. Mason praying, amongst other things, for the probate of the instrument now filed in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and that said administration with the will annexed be granted to George T. Mason or to some other proper person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 14th day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held in the Probate Office in the city of Corunna, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Times, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Shiawassee, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. [A true copy.]

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE.

In the matter of the estate of Wilhelm Wildermuth, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance and by virtue of an order granted to the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of said deceased, by the Hon. Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate in and for said county, on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1897, there will be sold at public auction, at the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house, in the city of Corunna, in said county, on Tuesday, the 26th day of July, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock the forenoon of said day all the right, title, and interest of said deceased in and to the following described lands and premises, situated in the 4th ward of Owosso city, county of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the west line of Water street, in said city of Owosso, one hundred and sixty five (165) feet south of the intersection of the south line of Main street with the west line of said Water street, and at the south-east corner of William Fletcher's lot (now owned by L. E. Woodward) running thence southerly on the west line of Water street fifty four (54) feet; thence west at right angles with Water street to the bank of the Shiawassee river, at high water mark; thence northerly along the bank of said river, at high water mark, to the south-east corner of said Fletcher's lot; thence easterly along the south line of said Fletcher's lot to the place of beginning.

CHARLES D. STEWART, Administrator of the Estate of said deceased.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE.

At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Shiawassee, held at the Probate Office in the city of Corunna, on the 14th day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Delancey H. Barnum, deceased.

Edward Barnum, as administrator, having rendered to this court his final account. It is ordered, that the 23d day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for examining and allowing said account. And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in The Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Shiawassee.

MATTHEW BUSH, Judge of Probate. [A true copy.]

Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Lornida Pulver, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of George W. Swarthout, in the village of Lansingburg, in said county, on Monday, the 12th day of July, 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims and demands against said estate, and that six months from the 6th day of April, 1897, are allowed to creditors to present their claims to said commissioners for adjustment and allowance.

Dated, the 11th day of April, A. D. 1897.

G. W. SWARTHOUT, KIMBALL S. CROOK, JOSHUA G. MARSH, Commissioners.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage bearing date the twenty-second day of August, A. D. 1896, made and executed by Ira N. Alexander and Annah M. Alexander, his wife, of the township of Owosso, county of Shiawassee and State of Michigan, to Cornelius Hibbard, of Bennington, county and state aforesaid, party of the second part, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for said Shiawassee county, on the 24th day of August, 1896, in Liber 73 of Mortgages, on pages 148, by which default the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative, and no proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of one thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars and ninety six cents (\$1,770.96) principal and interest. Now therefore, by virtue of said power of sale in said mortgage contained and in accordance with such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 21st day of June, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the front door of the court house in the city of Corunna, county of Shiawassee and State of Michigan, (that being the place where the circuit court for the county of Shiawassee is held), I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the lands and premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said amount due, together with interest, costs of sale and the attorney's fee provided by law, viz: All the lands, premises and property situated in the township of Owosso, county of Shiawassee and State of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit: The west half of the southeast quarter of section thirty three (33) town seven (7) north of range two (2) east, containing eighty acres of land more or less. Dated March 24, 1897.

CORNELIUS HIBBARD, Mortgagee.

Kilpatrick & Pierpont, Attys for Mortgagee.

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE.

At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Shiawassee, held at the Probate Office in the city of Corunna, on Monday, the 4th day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Cordelia M. Lewis, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Walter H. Lewis, praying, amongst other things, for the probate of the instrument now filed in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and that said administration with the will annexed be granted to George T. Mason or to some other proper person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 14th day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held in the Probate Office in the city of Corunna, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Shiawassee, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

MATTHEW BUSH, Judge of Probate. [A true copy.]

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